Managing and Applying for Grants
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School Nutrition S.T.A.R. Program

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USDA Professional Standards

Key Area: Administration

USDA Professional Standard Codes:

- 3230 Healthy School Environment
Panelists

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Learning Objective

- Participants will identify ways to obtain resources to promote a healthy school environment.
Common Grant Terms

• A proposal refers to an application to be submitted to the granting agency and may include an applicant’s goals and activities for a proposed project, the qualifications of the applicant, and how the proposed project matches the requirements of the granting agency.
Project Director or Principal Investigator

- A **project director or a principal investigator** is the primary person responsible for the project. The project director/principal investigator ultimately has a duty to ensure that all project activities comply with federal, state, and local laws, in addition to any other applicable regulations.
Types of Funding Agencies

- Types of Funding Agencies:
  - Government
  - Foundations and organizations
  - Industry/or business
Types of Federal Awards

- Types of Government Agency Funding: federal, state, or local
- USDA Food and Nutrition Service (example of a federal funding agency)
- Types of federal awards
  - Grant
  - Cooperative Agreement
  - Contract
Applying for Funding

• Contract: the applicant will provide a quote or respond to a request for proposal (RFP).
• Cooperative agreement: the applicant may typically respond to a request for application (RFA).
• Federal grant: the applicant will download an application packet with guidelines.
Is the Organization Eligible?

- Can my organization meet the requirements of the project period and timeline?
- Do I have the resources (equipment, infrastructure) to carry out the project activities?
- Do I have the expertise (personnel) required?
Can the Organization Manage the Grant Project?

- Reporting System
- Statutory and Regulatory Compliance
- Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirement for Federal Awards
Grant Sources

- USDA Food and Nutrition Service [https://www.fns.usda.gov/grant-opportunities](https://www.fns.usda.gov/grant-opportunities)
- GRANTS.GOV [https://www.grants.gov/web/grants](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants)
- Foundation Center [http://foundationcenter.org](http://foundationcenter.org)
- W.K. Kellogg Foundation [https://www.wkkf.org/](https://www.wkkf.org/)
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